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MERCURY HAS A SINKING SPELL.

Richmond in the Grasp of a Very Severe Spell.

SOME RELIEF NOW IN SIGHT.

But Snow is Expected With a Rising Temperature—Director Evans Gives the Range of the Thermometer.

Richmond and the country generally are in the midst of one of the most intensely cold spells experienced in years, but from the weather reports a moderation of the temperature is at hand, although the rise of the mercury will probably be attended by snow or rain.

Thursday night, yesterday, and last night the mercury remained persistently below the freezing point; the sidewalks were suitable for skaters, and the water-pipes all over town froze hard, except where a few long-headed people had taken unusual precautions.

A LOW RECORD.

Station Director Edward A. Evans, who keeps a close eye upon the weather, both present and future, prepared a record of the temperature, beginning at 12 o'clock Thursday and ending at noon yesterday.

It showed that at 12 o'clock Thursday the mercury stood at 14 degrees, at 1 it was 12, at 2 it went up to 21, and then began to fall again to 29 degrees at 4 o'clock. At 6 it was at 16 and 15 o'clock, and so on, till it became more rapid. At 6 it stood at 14 degrees, at 7 it was 13, at 8 it was 11, at 9 it had reached 10, at 11 it was 7 degrees, and at 12 o'clock (midnight) this quicksilver stood at 4 degrees.

At 1 o'clock yesterday morning the record was 4, at 2 o'clock it had dropped to 3, and at 3 o'clock it was 1 degree above zero. At 4 o'clock the zero mark was reached. An hour later it was 2 degrees below.

At 5 o'clock the mercury reached 3 degrees below and remained stationary until 7 o'clock, when it began to rise slowly, reaching 2 below at 8, one above at 9, and the same at 10. At 11 it was 3 above, and at 12 it recorded 6 degrees above. The mercury slowly ascended as the sun gained power, and at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon it was between 19 and 21 degrees above zero.

FALLING AGAIN.

At 6 o'clock yesterday evening the figure registered was 19, but by 9 o'clock the mercury had dropped four degrees, and there seemed to be every prospect that it would repeat the performance of the previous night.

The trouble with the telephone lines was somewhat modulated yesterday, but there were very many still in a bad condition last night. Communication with the Almshouse has been cut off for several days, and there is no way to reach Manchester by wire.

The street-car lines have about resumed their accustomed schedules, greatly to the delight of those whose homes are some distance from their places of business.

The extreme cold, while it has brought much suffering to the poor, and kept the Citizens' Relief Association extremely busy, has been a source of much pleasure to the skaters. The city was filled yesterday with crowds of young people of both sexes, glittering skates slinking over their shoulders on their way to Reservoir and other lakes.

The bad weather up North seems to have interfered to some extent with the steamer line. The Clyde Line people announced that they are not running a regular schedule, and will have no ship from Philadelphia today.

The Virginia Navigation Company is as usual, making schedule time between this city and Norfolk with its handsome and speedy boat, the Pocahontas.

After days and nights of Herculean efforts, Superintendent W. H. Thompson and his men have succeeded in getting the fire alarm system into something like good order, although it will be a day or two yet before everything will be all right.

HEAD CAMP TO MEET.

Woodmen of the World to Assemble Here Next Week.

The Convention Head Camp of Woodmen of the World will assemble at Lee Camp Hall, in this city, on next Tuesday. Rev. Mr. Turnbull, of Durham, N. C., is the guest of Rev. J. C. Steward. He will fill Mr. Steward's pulpit to-morrow morning, and will preach at Lee Memorial church to-morrow night.

A Case in Bankruptcy.

Judge A. D. Watkins, of Farmville, filed a petition in the District Court yesterday for the discharge of James L. Richardson, bankrupt.

WHY WELLINGTON WAS CALLED THE "IRON DUKE."

The Duke of Wellington, hero of Waterloo, greatest of battles, was called from his intense strength, power and energy, the "Iron Duke." He was the masterful power to command man and success, a possibly less measure, this heroic man, it is inherent in every heroic man that it is the birthright of birth and strength.

It is only the nervousness and physical exhaustion which is the bane of the Iron Duke.

A committee composed of C. L. Phillips, Isaac Held, and R. W. Jones of Magnolia Camp; W. G. Gentry, A. J. Pfaff and W. B. Darke of Hickory Camp; Benj. Wilson, W. H. Dickey, J. C. Steward, Eggers Camp, and R. B. Allen and W. B. Clegg of Cedar Camp, are now perfecting arrangements for the entertainment of the delegates.

On Tuesday night a dinner will be given them at the First Ford Hotel and on Wednesday evening entertainment will be rendered them at the Y. M. C. A. Hall.

Hon. D. C. Richardson will deliver the address of welcome to which Hon. C. F. Farmer will respond. The educational program in which the following favorites will take part: Mr. E. H. Clowes, Miss Daisy Hurst, Mr. C. H. Phillips, Mrs. H. E. Clowes, Mr. H. T. Cardozo, Mr. Oscar Lohman, Capt. F. W. Cunningham, and Mr. Eugene Davis, and a splendid quartet. Miss Rosalie Clark will write and Prof. Jacob Richland will preside at the piano.

Tickets for members and their friends can be had upon application to Isaac Held, Benj. Wilson, W. T. Atkinson, R. B. Allen, clerks of camps.

GAVE A SMOKER,

A Delightful Evening at the Marlborough Club.

The quiet cosy home of the Marlborough Club, No. 2113 east Broad street, was, Thursday evening, transformed by the magic touch of winter into a scene of loveliness. The occasion was the second annual stag "smoker" of the club.

Amid a balsom of palms and flowers about forty guests, clad in immaculate evening dress, sat down to enjoy the elegant repast served by Mengenster and Morris, the caterers of the club.

Mr. Williams, the president, in an appropriate speech introduced Mr. Charles Franklin, the toastmaster of the evening, who in turn delivered one of his characteristic speeches, which made every one feel at home, a feeling indicated by the guests' immediate lack of the wands.

There was a mounted band, and the orchestra of all the delicacies of the season.

The toast of "Welcome" was responded to by Mr. Fred. B. Hobson in a brief and happy remarks.

Mr. Roy Lewis responding to "The Marlborough Club," stated the origin of the name, the history and mission, and prospects of its brilliant future.

Mr. Charles Allen made a brilliant effort on "Our Country."

The speech of the evening was made by Mr. A. J. Vaughan, Jr., who responded

COLD WEATHER AFFECTS TRADE.

Much Greater Demand for Heavy Winter Goods With Retailers.

ADVANCES IN IRON PRODUCTS

Are the Features of the Week's Trade. Lumber Seems the Only Branch That is Not Benefited by the Weather Conditions.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

That some favorable effects are likely to follow atmospheric changes of the week is evidenced by reports of improved distribution at retail of heavy winter goods, while the effect on spring trade appears to be chiefly regarded as one of retardation rather than of positive injury. In leading staples the strength of prices is still a feature, all the gains made in January being sustained if not further improved.

Some reflection of the cold wave is found in the advance in wheat showing an inclination to concede something to the winter wheat crop in view of claims that snow protection is lacking in many sections.

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